

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Application filed 11/28/01.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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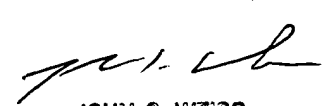
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20040415, 20040416
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Shapiro (4,524,243) and Korzeniowski (Article, Watching out for workers) disclose the use of a methods of registered user checking in with a system every predetermined time interval and an alarm sounds if the user does not activate a switch and notifies a central operator. Shapiro and Korzeniowski however, fails to disclose the user registering an itinerary completion time, contact name, contact telephone number and cancellation code with the system, where after the cancellation code is received the condition of the itinerary record is deleted or becomes inactive. Furthermore, Shapiro and Korzeniowski fails to disclose the use of a call back function that places a call to the contact telephone number, which was registered with the system by the user. Bilder (6,359,557) discloses the use of a monitor and notification apparatus, which monitors as person, then notifies an emergency contact when an "inactivity event" has occurred. However, Blider fails to disclose the user registering an itinerary completion time and a cancellation code with the system where after the cancellation code is received the condition of the itinerary is deleted or becomes inactive, and fails to disclose the use of a call back function that places a call to the contact telephone number which is registered to the system. Therefore a method which registers a user with an itinerary completion time, contact name, contact telephone number and cancellation code with the system, where after the cancellation code is received the condition of the itinerary record is deleted or becomes inactive together with the use of a call back function that places a call to the contact telephone number, which was registered with the system by the user, is not rendered obvious over the prior art of record/

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Maier et al (6,463,127) discloses the use of a monitoring system of an offender, which is required to check in with the system on pre-determined intervals, March (6,034,605) discloses the use of a system storing personal information of a user and once an emergency has occurred, releasing the personal information to specified people, Bergman et al. (5,955,952) discloses the use of an emergency call center which aids the in the location of lost or missing people, and World Airline News (Article, Family Assistance Task Force) discloses that airlines should collect more detailed information such as an emergency contact name and phone number, for the traveler, so that they may be sent a notification after an accident.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamisue A. Webb whose telephone number is (571) 272-6811. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 - 4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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